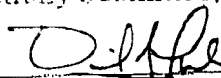


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Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview today. The references of record were discussed and an agreement was reached that if the subject matter of claim 2 is incorporated into independent claims 1 and 19, the claims would be allowable. Accordingly, Applicant has amended the claims in this manner, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. In particular, the claims as a whole present non-obvious subject matter.

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APPENDIX A **BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Twice Amended) A pre-fabricated wall panel usable with a door or window jamb without jamb furring, comprising:
- a first, exterior facing sheet of generally rigid material and having a first thickness and a first sheet perimeter;
 - a second, interior facing sheet of generally rigid material and having a second thickness and a second sheet perimeter, said second sheet being generally parallel to said first sheet and spaced therefrom a strut thickness;
 - at least two framing struts being located between said first sheet and said second sheet and having said strut thickness to define a panel volume between said first sheet, said second sheet, and said framing struts;
 - a polymeric in-situ foam core located in and substantially filling said panel volume;
 - at least one electrical box located between said first sheet and said second sheet and at least one conduit for electrical wires running between said electrical box and said first sheet perimeter, and wherein said in-situ foam at least partially surrounds said electrical box and said conduit; and,
 - an overall panel thickness including the sum of said first thickness, said second thickness, and said strut thickness, said overall panel thickness being four inches, plus/minus 1/4 inch.
19. (Twice Amended) A building assembly, comprising:
- at least two pre-fabricated wall panels usable with a door or window jamb without jamb furring connected to each other, each of said wall panels including
 - a first, exterior facing sheet of generally rigid material and having a first thickness and a first sheet perimeter;

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a second, interior facing sheet of generally rigid material and having a second thickness and a second sheet perimeter, said second sheet being generally parallel to said first sheet and spaced therefrom a strut thickness;

at least two framing struts being located between said first sheet and said second sheet and having said strut thickness, to define a panel volume between said first sheet, said second sheet, and said framing struts;

at least one electrical box located between said first sheet and said second sheet and at least one conduit for electrical wires running between said electrical box and said first sheet perimeter, and wherein said in-situ foam at least partially surrounds said electrical box and said conduit;

a polymeric in-situ foam core located in and substantially filling said panel volume; and,

an overall panel thickness including the sum of said first thickness, said second thickness and said strut thickness, said overall panel thickness being four inches, plus/minus 1/4 inch;

a jamb member secured adjacent at least one of said struts; and,

sheets of drywall secured adjacent said second panels, said drywall having an interior surface that is flush with a jamb member interior edge.